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BOOK REVIEWS.

Foreword:

It is the policy of this department that the review of recently published books be made by prominent active practitioners as well as by members of the teaching profession, on the theory that such reviews will be of greater interest to the Bar and the students of the law. It is further our design that only such books be reviewed as are of practical value to the practicing attorneys or law students. The readers of the VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW are earnestly requested to communicate with the Editor of this department if further information is desired as to any publication reviewed, or if any service may be rendered in regard to any published text book or treatise.

THE LAW OF THE SEA, by George L. Canfield, of the Michigan Bar, and George W. Dalzell, of the Bar of the District of Columbia. (New York: D. Appleton & Company, 1921; pp. xvi, 315.)

This volume is a manual of admiralty law especially adapted to the needs of the student layman, the owner or the master of a vessel, who desires to inform himself of the general principles of maritime law, without attempting to acquire the mastery of the subject essential for the admiralty lawyer.

This is the third volume of a series of manuals on Training for the Steamship Business, projected jointly by the United States Shipping Board and the Federal Board for Vocational Training. The necessity for such a series became evident with the enormous increase of the mercantile marine of the United States. If these ships are to continue in profitable operation under the American Flag, the people of the United States must be trained to operate them. The first volume published dealt with steamship traffic operation, and the second with marine insurance.

"The Law of the Sea" purports to present the main facts and principles of maritime law covering the legal relations, rights, duties and obligations of shippers, steamship owners, operators, masters and seamen, and the legal relations of the ship from construction contract, to sale and salvage. Its announced field is remarkably well covered in a concise yet accurate fashion, and, in addition, each chapter contains adequate cross-references to enable the more thorough student readily to pursue his investigation of the topic under discussion.

The Appendices are well chosen, containing an excellent summary of the Navigation Laws of the United States, by Jasper Yeates Brinton, of the Philadelphia Bar, and the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. The Index is full and accurate.

On the whole "The Law of the Sea" seems admirably to accomplish its purpose and is to be commended to those for whom it was intended.

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